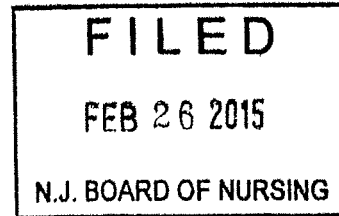


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR RECOVATION OF THE LICENSEE OF	:	
	:	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
CARRIE ANN FISHER, R.N.	:	OF LICENSE
LICENSE # NR 13569900	:	
	:	
TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED	:	
NURSE (R.N.) IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information indicating the following:

1. Respondent, Carrie Ann Fisher is the holder of License No. NR13569900 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with the Board which she signed on or about October 10, 2010. (Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo

evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶ 2, 6, and 10) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. RAMP was advised by the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey (PAP) in a communication dated November 20, 2014 that respondent had enrolled in the PAP. (Exhibit B)

4. In a communication dated November 24, 2014, Case Manager Donna Gillane of RAMP advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant with RAMP monitoring requirements, in that she tested positive for Suboxone on April 29, 2014, and subsequently admitted she had been taking Suboxone "on and off" since September of 2009, although she failed to inform RAMP of this fact. (Exhibit C)

5. On or about January 15, 2015, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within

five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with RAMP. (Exhibit D)

6. The overnight mailing was delivered on January 16, 2015. (Exhibit D) No response has been received to date.

7. A certification from RAMP's director, Suzanne Kinkle, dated October 14, 2014 indicates that Ms. Fisher had been a participant in RAMP since 2009. On April 29, 2014, Ms. Fisher tested positive for Suboxone. Although initially Ms. Fisher claimed she was taking Suboxone for pain management due to a recent fall, she later admitted that she had been taking Suboxone since September of 2009. She had not informed RAMP that she was taking Suboxone, and did not provide RAMP with a copy of the prescription until August 5, 2014. On November 23, 2014, RAMP was informed that Ms. Fisher had enrolled in the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey (PAP), and Ms. Fisher has not participated in RAMP since that date. (Exhibit E)

8. The private letter agreement signed by respondent , which by its terms has the force and effect of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4, provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

9. Respondent's failure to advise RAMP that she was taking Suboxone in violation of her agreement to disclose all prescription medication that she was taking, and respondent's subsequent withdrawal from the RAMP program without petitioning the Board and following the procedure set forth in paragraph #12 of the private letter agreement, constitute a violation of the terms of the private letter agreement. This, according to the terms of the private letter agreement, is deemed to constitute the violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4.

Accordingly,

IT IS on this 26th day of February, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for his violation of the private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board

shall not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP, and is fit and competent to practice nursing.

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